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Welding Method, And Friction Stir Welding Device**

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Sir:

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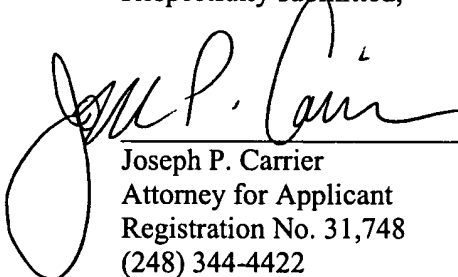
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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

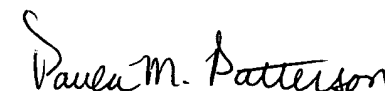
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